

Figs. 2a-2b illustrate the manner in which the microcontact structure can be rolled into a three dimensional object.

Fig. 3 illustrates the manner in which the microcontact structure can conform to the shape of a three dimensional surface.

A Fig. 4a is a cross-sectional illustration of the 4-layer microcontact structure in which the active connection between the microcontact structure and the nerve tissue is brought about by electrical stimulation.

Fig. 4b illustrates the manner in which the microcontact structure can be cured by infrared radiation (I.R.) so that the microcontact film is deformed at defined points by focused irradiation and matched to the nerve tissue.

Fig. 4c illustrated the deformation of the microcontact structure by focused UV treatment.

**REMARKS:**

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is submitted in order to bring the application into better conformance with standard U. S. Patent practice.

Respectfully submitted,

***ECKMILLER, ROLF ET AL.***

By *Richard C. Woodbridge*  
Richard C. Woodbridge

Attorney for Applicant  
Registration Number 26,423

Woodbridge & Associates, P.C.  
P.O. Box 592  
Princeton, NJ 08542-0592  
Tel (609) 924-3773  
Fax (609) 924-1811  
cc: Lenzing Gerber